PARK(ing) Day in Jacksonville, FL

When: September 16, 2016 from 9:00am-5:00pm

Set up time: 8:00am

What: PARK(ing) Day is an annual worldwide event where artists, designers and citizens transform metered parking spots into temporary public parks (parklets).

Purpose: The mission of PARK(ing) Day is to call attention to the need for more urban open space, to generate debate around how public space is created and allocated, and to improve the quality of urban human habitat.

In Jacksonville, PARK(ing) day will be a collaboration between the National Park Service (NPS) and the City of Jacksonville in which parks are brought to the people. The entities will provide games for visitors as well as education about the largest urban park system in the United States. While the three parklets are temporary, our goal is to inspire people to visit the over 400 city parks in Jacksonville, Timucuan Ecological and Historic Preserve, and Fort Caroline National Memorial.

Objectives:

- To raise awareness that Jacksonville has the largest urban park system in the United States.
- To educate visitors on the significance of Timucuan Ecological and Historic Preserve, as well as the other National Park Service units in NE Florida, where visitors can find their park through education and recreation.
- To promote upcoming events in City and National Parks.

Parklet Plan:

The first National Park Service space will represent Kingsley Plantation by having a 8'x8' replica of the tabby ruins. Inside the space interpretation of this site as well as an opportunity to play trivia and other culturally relevant games will be provided. The second NPS space will represent the Preserve by having a variety of plants and a river in the sky. Seating will also be provided in this space so that visitors can enjoy nature in the middle of the city. The third space will highlight City of Jacksonville Parks & Recreation by having a perimeter that resembles a baseball outfield fence with cornhole boards and a putting green for visitors to play.